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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Santa Ana – Santa Ana Man Accused of Impersonating Immigration Agent

(U) Authorities in Orange County arrested Luis Flores-Mendoza of Santa Ana who allegedly pretended to be a US Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent and threatened to deport a woman if she didn't give him money. Flores-Mendoza of Santa Ana is accused of wearing a uniform and carrying a badge and a handgun when the alleged threat was made. Police in Placentia say Flores-Mendoza went to a restaurant last month where the victim worked and gave her a fake letter from ICE outlining a supposed immigration case against her. Police say he demanded she give her cash or he would deport her to Mexico.

SOURCE: 6 July 2016, [Los Angeles Times](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) Arizona – Computers, Not Humans to Scan Carry-On Bags in TSA Test

(U) Phoenix – Federal officials reported yesterday they are expanding tests to speed up airport lines and improve security. In a first in the US, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) said it plans to begin using computed-tomography or CT scanners to inspect carry-on bags at one checkpoint in the Phoenix airport by the end of the year. TSA said it will work with American Airlines to make other changes to increase automation and speed up screening this fall in Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles and Miami.

SOURCE: 6 July 2016, [Associated Press](#)

#### (U) District of Columbia – US Senate Leader Will Again Attempt to Pass Zika Bill

(U) Washington DC – The US Senate will make another attempt to pass a bill dealing with the Zika virus during the current session, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said today. Last month Senate Democrats blocked a Republican proposal to provide \$1.1 billion in funding to combat Zika. Democrats and the White House said the plan fell short of President Barack Obama's \$1.9 billion funding request and included measures that would take funds from other important health initiatives.

SOURCE: 6 July 2016, [Reuters](#)

#### (U) District of Columbia – US to Allocate \$10 Million to Non-Profits, Colleges to Fight Extremism

(U) Washington DC – The US Department of Homeland Security will announce today \$10 million in grants for non-profit organizations and colleges to develop counseling programs and other services to turn people away from violent extremism, according to a senior DHS official. The grants are designed to support mental health clinics, community groups and other places where someone can be referred for help before they come under the radar of law enforcement.

SOURCE: 6 July 2016, [Reuters](#)

#### (U) Minnesota – Two Men Denied Evaluation by De-Radicalization Expert

(U) Minneapolis – A federal judge has denied a motion by two Minnesota men convicted of plotting to go to Syria to join the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) who wanted to be evaluated by a

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German de-radicalization expert. Abdirahman Daud and Guled Omar face possible life sentences after being found guilty by a jury last month. The expert's de-radicalization program was offered to six other defendants who earlier pleaded guilty to conspiring to support a foreign terrorist organization. US District Judge Michael Davis, who pioneered use of the program, denied Daud's and Omar's motions yesterday.

SOURCE: 5 July 2016, [Associated Press](#)

**(U) North Carolina – Two Men Who Sought to Fight in Syria Sentenced to Prison**

(U) Raleigh – Authorities say two North Carolina men who were thwarted from traveling to either Syria or Yemen to join a jihadist group have been sentenced to federal prison. Federal prosecutors said yesterday that Avin Marsalis Brown and Akba Jihad Jordan were sentenced after earlier pleading guilty to conspiracy to provide material support for terrorism. Prosecutors said the men spoke repeatedly with an FBI informant about their desire to travel overseas to fight with extremist groups including al-Qa'ida and ISIL.

SOURCE: 5 July 2016, [ABC News](#)

**(U) Ohio – Cleveland Road, Air, Water Travel Limited for GOP Convention**

(U) Cleveland – Federal officials will restrict road, air and water travel around Cleveland for this month's Republican National Convention, with security measures affecting passenger and cargo vehicles. The event, at which the party officially nominates its candidate for president, is expected to draw as many as 50,000 people. Pilots have been alerted that temporary flight restrictions (TFRs) will be in place for varying distances around Cleveland for the GOP convention 18-21 July and in Philadelphia for the Democratic National Convention a week later.

SOURCE: 5 July 2016, [Associated Press](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL**

**(U) Bangladesh– ISIL Says Dhaka Café Attack is a Glimpse of What's Coming**

(U) Dhaka – ISIL has warned of repeated attacks in Bangladesh and beyond until rule by sharia, Islamic law, is established, saying in a video last week's killing of 20 people in a Dhaka cafe was merely a glimpse of what is to come. Bangladesh has rejected ISIL's claim of responsibility for the Friday attack and blamed it on a domestic militant group. The ISIL video began with pictures of recent attacks in Paris, Brussels and Orlando in the United States that the Middle East-based militants have claimed. The fighter in the video, who spoke in both Bengali and English, said Bangladesh must know that it was now part of a bigger battlefield to establish the cross-border "caliphate" the group proclaimed in 2014.

SOURCE: 6 July 2016, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Iraq– Death Toll from Baghdad Blast Rises to 250**

(U) Baghdad – The death toll from a massive suicide bombing in Baghdad over the weekend has reached 250, Iraq's Health Ministry said yesterday. The attack, claimed by ISIL militants which the government is battling in the country's north and west, was the deadliest of the many car bombings in Baghdad since the 2003 US-led invasion.

SOURCE: 5 July 2016, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Nigeria – US Government Warns of Possible Terrorist Attacks in Lagos**

(U) Lagos – The United States Government has warned its citizens in Lagos, Nigeria of a possible terrorist attack during the Eid-El-Fitri holidays. In a statement posted on its website, the state department said that hotels mostly visited by westerners are being targeted by terrorist groups. "The US Mission in Nigeria advises that groups associated with terrorist activity might be planning attacks against hotels in

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Lagos frequented by international visitors, including those located on waterfronts, during the Eid-al-Fitr holidays (5 and 6 July 2016)," the statement read.

SOURCE: 5 July 2016, [TV 360](#)

**(U) Yemen – At Least 26 Killed in South Yemen Army Base Attack**

(U) Aden – At least six Yemeni troops and around 20 militant attackers were killed today in an assault on a military base near the international airport of Yemen's southern city of Aden, security sources said. The assault began when two suicide bombers blew up their cars, followed by armed militants storming the Solaban base. They occupied several buildings but were killed after four hours of heavy gun battles, the sources said.

SOURCE: 6 July 2016, [Reuters](#)

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